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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 18, 2005**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 18, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application, the following remarks are submitted. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

A detailed listing of the claims is provided below. A status identifier is provided for each claim in a parenthetical expression following each claim number.